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TRAINING TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps to train the farmers including landless farmers to use state of the art agricultural implements for augmenting production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In order to develop human resources in the field of agricultural mechanization, four Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes are established at Budni (M.P.), Hissar (Haryana), Garladinne (Andhra Pradesh and B. Chariali (Assam) to impart institutional as well as on-farm training to the farmers on latest technical know-how on farm machinery. The technical know-how is also being imparted to the farmers through outsourcing of the training to the institutions identified by the State Govt. under the Central Sector Scheme 'Promotion and Strengthening of Agricultural Mechanization through Training, Testing and Demonstrations'. Similarly for post harvest equipments the information is being disseminated through field demonstrations and training to farmers under the scheme 'Post Harvest Technology & Management'.

The Scheme "Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms" (ATMA) Programnme also provides for imparting training & extension support to farmers in different agro- based technologies/areas including farm mechanization through Trainings, Demonstrations, Exposure Visits, Krishi Melas and Farm Schools through 581 ATMAs set up till date in 29 States and 2UTs.

(c): Not Applicable.